

## ABSTRACT

The invention relates to a process for digesting woodchips used in papermaking. The process employs digester additive, which comprises a sultaine or mixtures of a  
5 sultaine with a nonionic surfactant selected from the group consisting of (a) polyglycosides, (b) polyoxyalkylene glycols, and (c) mixtures thereof as digester additives. The digester additives are compatible and stable at elevated temperatures in the highly alkaline white liquor used in the digestion of woodchips into pulp. The invention also relates to the digester additive compositions.

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